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TARC Newsletter
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Next meeting Tuesday May 24th at 7:00 PM
Titusville Public Library 2121 S. Hopkins Ave behind Titusville High School

The President's Page

Sherry and I extend our sincere thanks to the TARC VEs specifically Ed KG4KVO, Pat KF4LTY and John KE4ZPA for administering the Extra Class exam to my niece Kary KI4IPY. Kary is the granddaughter of my recently deceased older brother W4ZS. Kary has accomplished in just over three months what it took me 35 years to achieve. Now we all know where the brains are in the Hughes family. Kary having passed all elements required to become an Extra class licensee and as a close relative of Harold Hughes W4ZS (deceased) qualifies her to petition the FCC and request, through the Vanity System, the Group A call sign W4ZS of her deceased grandfather.

Sherry and I have been honored for Kary and her dad Lewis WD4AYI to drive down to Titusville from Pelham, Al. to have our TARC VE Team administer her the Extra class exam. And yes they are now members of the Titusville Radio Club.

We send our love and condolences to Marie N2USO in the loss of her husband and our dear friend Lou N2CTQ. Lou became very ill with cancer while they were here in Florida. Lou wanted to be at his home in that beautiful state of New Jersey. Marie honored that wish and took him back home to Cesar Grove to be with his family and friends. With great sadness we bid adieu to our parted friend.

Our prayers go out to the family and friends in the demise of a fellow ham John E. Ward K4IGU a long time resident of Cocoa. John left behind several pieces of ham equipment. If you are interested in old but well-preserved equipment please contact John's son-in-law Mr. Ted Johnson for details. Mr. Johnson may be reached at 632-6957.

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Among our friends leaving the area and going back to their home in Virginia are Jim W5CIP and his bride Liz. John WB3JBK and Pat KA3AAG will soon be going back to Maine. We will be looking for these good friends to be back with us in the fall.

There will be a TARC sponsored class for the Technician Class License scheduled to begin May 11th. The classes will be held each Wednesday from 7 to 9 PM at the North Brevard (Titusville) Library on Hopkins Ave. The classes will be taught by Stephanie K4MVO and Jose KC4VIO and are open to anyone wishing to acquire the FCC Amateur Radio License. If you know someone who might be interested in taking this class please have him/her contact Stephanie at 264-2492 or Jose at 267-5892 or yours truly at 269-2796. One of us will be able to answer questions you may have.

Our next club meeting will be Tuesday 24th and will be at the Library. The program will be Field Day. Hope to see you there.... bring a friend.

73's Bud K4CWG

The Vice Squad By Jose` Ramos KC4VIO TARC Vice President

How about those BEARS? Now we know a lot about the organization thanks to Ray, N4LEM, who so graciously brought us up to date at our last standing room only club meeting.

It was great to see so many of you at our meeting. It was the largest group of club members that I have seen together in one place for many years. Hope to see all of you once again at the May 24 meeting. Oh yes, by all means, bring someone else with you. We just love to see those new faces along with the ones we have not seen for some time.

Details for the 2005 Field Day will be discussed during the May meeting. A committee is already working hard to make this year's exercise the best we ever had. Of course, only you can make it a success. There are many chores to be completed during the 24 hour communications phase as well as the set up before and the take down afterward. There is a key position for every club member, all types and levels of talent are needed so do not be shy. Join us for the time of your life. Oh yes, just in case you did not know about it: the Saturday evening dinner and the Sunday morning breakfast at the Field Day site are unforgettable. See you there. KC4VIO, José

Abell's Anecdotes By Pike Abell W4EPU

YET ANOTHER WW-II WAR STORY. Joe was an airplane mechanic who lived near a US Air Force base somewhere in the United States. He was employed on the base performing aircraft maintenance. They were preparing a C46 for a mission to drop supplies to t
he French underground, somewhere in Nazi occupied France. While they were loading the cargo, Joe was making sure the plane was in tip top shape. After working several hours and finishing late at night, he sat down near the rear end of the plane and dozed off.

The crew came out bright and early the next morning. Not knowing Joe was aboard, they took off. When he woke up they were well on their way. The Captain decided that there was no turning back. Joe would go along on the mission.

After making several stops for refueling, they reached the vicinity of the target area. Just as they were approaching the drop zone, the aircraft was hit by enemy fire. It was decided to abandon ship. Joe was the first to bail out, after which the plane stabilized. The Captain decided to abort the drop mission and head back to England where they landed safely.

In the meantime, Joe landed right in the middle of the French Underground drop zone. The French just assumed

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that he was the courier they had been expecting. They taped a package of Top Secret documents to his body inside his shirt. They then drove him to the coast to a waiting submarine. Safely aboard the sub with his Top secret pouch, he was transported to England. From there he was flown to Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, near Washington, D. C. At Andrews, he was put in a waiting limousine and whisked to the White House, thence to the Oval office, where the President was anxiously waiting.

The documents were turned over to the President and Joe was congratulated and sent back to Andrews Air Force base. From there he was flown back to his home base.

All of this happened over a period of only three days, during which time Joe had hardly had a wink of sleep. All he wanted to do when he got home was sleep. Instead he was met by his family and friends who were worried about his disappearance. They all wanted to know where he had been. At first he resisted, stating only that what he did and where he went was Government business. They persisted, however, until he finally gave up and said: "Okay. If you must know, I went to France and met with the French Underground. They gave me a classified pouch which I delivered to the President of the United States."

NOBODY BELIEVED HIM. WOULD YOU? **73 es 88s Pike**

APRIL MINUTES
By KF4HTB Becky Lee

After the usual opening ceremonies, President Bud Hughes K4CWG and Vice President Jose Ramos KCVIO reported on the success of the TARC booths at both the KFC picnic and the Kiwanis affair at Fox Lake. Jose then introduced Ray Cassis N4LEM who talked about BEARS and emergency communications in North Brevard. He told the club about the $90,000 grant BEARS has been awarded to purchase a new COM 1 Vehicle, and about the additional income needed to outfit the vehicle. He explained how they plan to raise the money, and asked for help from TARC members. They hope to raise another $20,000 to outfit the vehicle. Donations are tax deductible. Stephanie K4MVO read a letter of recognition from Kiwanis, and talked about the Boy Scout class she will teaches June 6 – 10. She asked for volunteers to come to the sessions and talk about their hobby and what it means to them. Sherry KU4ZO updated the club on the ongoing test sessions. Mic KI4CFA, was appointed Field Day Chairman to replace Warren W4CEL who cannot participate due to his work schedule. Field Day is June 25, and will be discussed at the May meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT

Beginning balance 1/1/05	$2894.35
Deposits in 2005	1890.04
Total Income	$4784.39
YTD Expenditures	1667.09
Balance as at 4/30/05	$3117.30

FOR SALE: New member Ray Hinkle KI4JVT has several pieces of recently tested and certified equipment for sale. They include an Icom IC-735 HF Transceiver with PS-56 Power Supply and an AT-150 Tuner. In addition there are several two meter devices such as a brand new (in the box) Icom T-2H and a Yaesu-FT416. Ray also has an Icom 2400 dual band mobile/base and a Pyramid PS-25 power supply with meter. You can call Ray at 446-2595 for details. He's a gun collector, so you probably could work a trade for a firearm.

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 2 W9LSD Dick Duell
May 3 KB1IDY Justine Curvow
May 10 M1PAW Joe Bonardi
May 11 K4WPW Paul Wynn
May 16 W8ANT Anthony Eurodt
May 16 N3OZZ James Harding
May 16 WD4EBA Paul Bernhardt
May 17 KI4GOB Alan Johnson
May 19 K4JDV Janet Van Alstine
May 20 K2TNT George Fioscher
May 22 KI4HVF Josh Ulbrik
May 23 KI4GOE Jo Meier
May 23 KE4MXJ Pedro Lorenzi
May 24 K4RVR Mike Stallings
May 25 KE4BBJ Charlie Prosser

TARC Field Day 2005

Field Day 2005 is being held the weekend of June 25th this year and is a great opportunity for Hams from all around the world to demonstrate their emergency communication skills. This is an opportunity to mentor our younger members, an opportunity to share with some of the new members and an opportunity to come out and have some fun as a club.

The Field Day Committee is looking for volunteers to help out with all types of projects for Field Day 2005. We will be holding Field Day at Well Field #3 on Barna Avenue this year and the committee has decided to setup four operating stations, one GOTA (Get On The Air Station) and 3 HF Stations. Most of the equipment needs are already taken care of for the event. We need several members to come out and help setup, operate and tear down.

Lets try to make Field Day an adventure for all of us to partcipate as well as score several points to submit to the ARRL. We will be discussing Field Day at the next Club Meeting and looking for folks to sign up to help with operations throughout the 24 hour period.

Lets get involved witht this Big Club activity. **Mic Woltman, KI4CFA**